

West Contra Costa Out of School Time (OST) Quality Standards: Commitment to Providing High Quality Experiences for West County students

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1. Active and Engaged Learning

Programming and activities are developmentally appropriate and promote the physical, academic, social, and emotional development of all participants. Programs provide a positive environment that integrate best practices of youth development and support student creativity. Opportunities for play and fun are promoted.

2. Skill Building

The program intentionally provides opportunities for students to build skills that support their success in academic, health, social-emotional, 21st Century, and other key arenas of their lives. Academic programming enhances student's school day learning.

3. Safe Environment

Physical and emotional safety is a key foundational element of all programs in our community. The space where the OST program is held provides a safe and supportive environment that addresses the developmental, physical and emotional needs of diverse participants.

4. Community Responsiveness

The program culture reflects respect and celebration of diversity. The program is accessible and responsive to the needs of the community it serves.

5. Staffing and Professional Development

The program employs and supports the professional growth of highly effective staff and volunteers that are dedicated to creating a positive, developmentally appropriate & supportive learning environment.

6. Leadership, Partnerships, and Management

The program displays effective leadership, sound fiscal management and coherent policies & procedures that support quality and sustainability. The program values collaboration and intentionally builds strong partnerships in order to achieve program goals.

7. Continuous Improvement

The program adopts a systematic approach to promote continuous improvement and uphold high quality standards of operation and accountability.